

## **Edith De Berry Powell (1878-1966) Collection**

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Title: Edith De Berry Powell Collection

Dates: 1899-1966 (bulk 1899-1910)

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## **BIOGRAPHY**

Edith Almedia De Berry was born on September 27, 1878 near Oakland, Maryland to Mr. and Mrs. Clark DeBerry. She graduated from Western Maryland College in 1902. In 1907, she took a position teaching foreign languages and mathematics at West Lafayette College, Ohio where she met and married Homer K. Powell in 1909. When West Lafayette College merged with Adrian College they moved to Michigan to teach at Adrian. Edith and Homer had four children, Eugene, Carroll, Margaret, and Eleanor. After Carroll was born Edith gave up her teaching career, however she continued to substitute occasionally in the foreign language department of Adrian. During World War II Edith took a job helping to publish the Michigan Christian Advocate where she worked until her retirement at age 82. She died in 1966 age 87.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection consists of papers, photographs, newspaper clippings, and artifacts. Included are Edith De Berry's compositions, correspondence, artifacts, and books from her college years which make up the bulk of material.

The collection was transferred to the Archives by the donor in no particular order. It is divided into three genres – papers, books, and artifacts. The essays are ordered by date and alphabetically when there was no date. Other papers are by date. Books are alphabetically.

Yearbooks for 1899 and 1902 have been removed from collection and placed with the yearbook collection.

## **CONTAINER LIST**

- Box 1: papers, 1890s-1966 (bulk 1900-1914)
- Box 2: books
- Box 3: books
- Box 4: artifacts and photograph
- Box 5: artifacts

## **INVENTORY**

- Box 1: Papers
  - Folder 1: Newspaper clippings
  - Folder 2: Wish Bone composition book with essays
  - Folder 3: Essay
  - Folder 4: Genius composition book with essays
  - Folder 5: Papers
  - Folder 6: Composition book with school work and essays

Folder 7: Loose papers from composition book in folder 8  
 Folder 8: Composition book September 1900  
 Folder 9: Essays, undated  
 Folder 10: Essays, 1890s-1902  
 Folder 11: Correspondence, 1902 & 1904  
 Folder 12: Invitations (1902-1905)  
 Folder 13: Wedding shower List, 1907  
 Folder 14: German reader, 1914  
 Folder 15: Scanned photographs, 1902, 1908, & 1924  
 Folder 16: Essay on James Henry Straughn, 1942  
 Folder 17: Newspaper clippings about Mr. and Mrs. Powell  
 Folder 18: Excerpts from Funeral Service and obituary for Edith De Berry Powell  
 April 30, 1966

- Box 2: Books
  - Bryant, William Cullen. *Poems*.
  - Corneille. *Le Cid*.
  - Dumas, Alexandre. *Vingt Ans Après*
  - Dumas, Alexandre. *Les Trois Mousquetaires*.
  - Eliot, George. *Adam Bede*.
  - The Fifth Reader*
  - Fulda, Ludwig. *Der Talisman*.
  - Goethe. *Hermann and Dorothea*.
  - Halv y, Ludovic. *L'Abb  Constantine*.
  - Hawthorne. *Great Book of Recitations and Dialogues*.
  - Hugo, Victor. *Hernani*.
  
- Box 3: Books
  - Hugo, Victor. *Ruy Blas*.
  - New Mental Arithmetic*.
  - Schiller, Friedrich. *Jungfrau von Orleans*.
  - Three-Minute Readings for College Girls*
  - The Twentieth Century Speaker*
  
- Box 4: Artifacts and Photograph
  - Norment Prize (1900)
  - Graduation cap (1902)
  - Framed photograph, Edith Dewberry Powell (1902)
  
- Box 5: Artifacts
  - Vanity set

## **Additional catalog entries:**

**Dates:** 1899-1966 (bulk 1899-1910)

### **Corporate Bodies:**

Western Maryland College, Maryland  
West Lafayette College, Ohio

### **Subjects:**

Women—Students--College—United States—McDaniel College

### **Genres and Forms:**

Artifacts  
Books  
Correspondence  
Essays  
Newspaper clippings  
Photographs

### **Occupations:**

Student  
Educator